



News Release

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By Board Order 81/10, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves revised Primary natural gas rates for Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., effective August 1, 2010.

Primary gas rates will decline by approximately 1% for all customer classes; the decrease will be modest but follow greater rate decreases that have occurred over the last year. The new rate for Primary gas will be \$0.1810 per cubic metre, the lowest price since the late 1990s.

Primary gas rates for customers with fixed term and price contracts with either Centra or a private broker will not be affected; their rates are set by contract.

As natural gas commodity prices and rates tend to be volatile in nature, customers continue to be encouraged to avail themselves of the Manitoba Hydro's energy efficiency programs, which include special programs for low-income customers. Space heating by natural gas may be expected to result in an annual bill ranging from \$700 to \$1000 for the typical residential customer; the lower cost is for those with high efficiency furnaces, the higher for those with conventional furnaces.

A copy of the Order, which contains significant additional information, may be reviewed on the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca, or be obtained through the Board's Office.

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